



FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.
EPH 2:8-9

January 11th, 2015
1st Sunday after the Epiphany



Witness God's Power

CROSS OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH & LEARNING CENTER

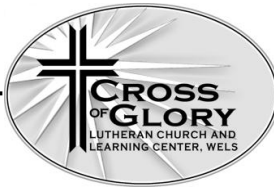
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Welcome! We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

Holy Communion: We offer classes (Basic Bible Christianity) for those desiring to take the sacrament. If you are a newcomer, please take these classes before communing or speak with our pastor.

GATHERING RITE ON HOLY BAPTISM

The minister conducts the gathering rite at the font.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.



Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther,
I claim a place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your



Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
saints, your cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to



sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** (*John 3:5,6*)

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. (*Psalms 51:5*)

C: **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.** (*1 Corinthians 6:11*)



My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To be hence -
My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of

forth your child and heir.
all your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort

me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your pro - mise
Oh, cast me not a - way for - ev - er If words and



sure - ly will en - dure.
deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I come de -



filed; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*). Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (*spoken*) Amen.



All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it
Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly, And help me



all, O Lord, from me.
your own child to be! Let noth - ing that I am or



own Serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

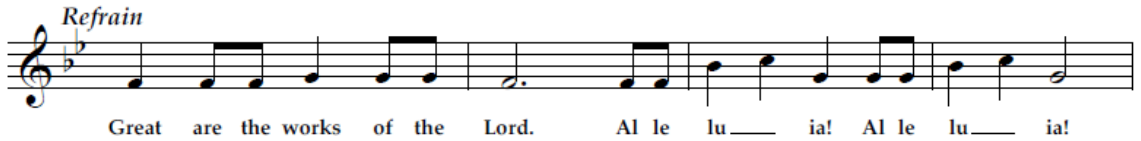
THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON.....Isaiah 49:1-6

Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name.² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver.³ He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."⁴ But I said, "I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God."⁵ And now the LORD says-- he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength--⁶ he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 2



M: Why do the nations 'conspire
C: and the peoples 'plot in vain?

M: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather
together a'gainst the LORD
C: and against his A'nointed One.

Refrain

M: The One enthroned in 'heaven laughs;
C: the Lord 'scoffs at them.

M: Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, 'saying,
C: "I have installed my King on Zion, my 'holy hill."

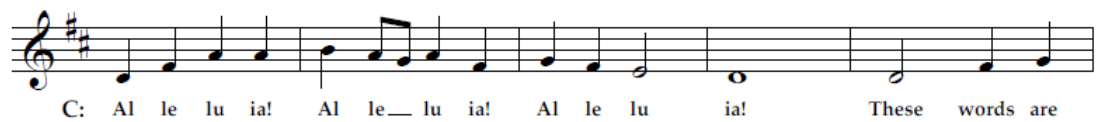
M: I will proclaim the decree 'of the LORD:
C: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your 'Father.

Refrain

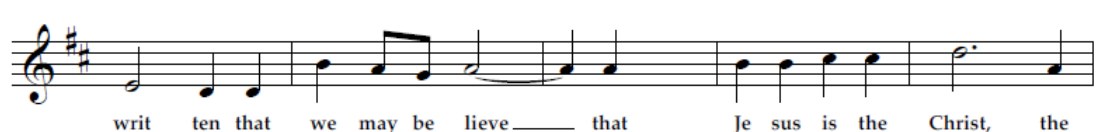
SECOND LESSON.....Acts 16:25-34

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved-- you and your household." ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God-- he and his whole family.


VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! These words are



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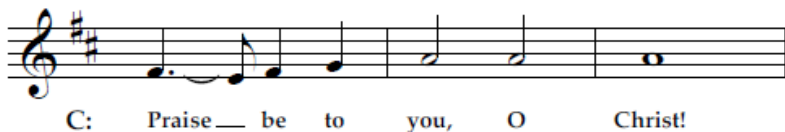
Son of God. Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! Al le lu

STAND

GOSPEL.....Mark 1:4-11

And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.⁷ And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie."⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.¹⁰ As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAYTo Jordan's River Came Our Lord (CW # 89)

SERMON: Mark 1:4-11

Theme - "Witness God's Power"

CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

- M:** Lord Jesus, at your baptism you revealed yourself as the obedient Son of Man, fulfilling all righteousness. Your heavenly Father revealed you as his beloved Son, in whom he is well pleased. The Holy Spirit revealed you as the Christ, anointed and armed to destroy the work of the devil.
- C:** **We thank you, beloved Son of God, that you took on yourself the nature of a servant, became like us, and were obedient to the will of your heavenly Father.**
- M:** Lord Jesus, eternal Word of God, you have connected your mighty Word and gracious promises to the water of Holy Baptism. In Baptism you cleansed us from sin, redeemed us from death, and clothed us in your perfect righteousness. We praise you for the promise and treasure of Baptism.
- C:** **Encourage us to remember our baptisms daily as we die to sin and rise to new life with you.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Baptized into your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
We claim a place, though weak and lowly, among your saints, your chosen host,
Buried with Christ and dead to sin. Your Spirit now shall live within.

C: All that I am and love most dearly—receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely, and help me your own child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own serve any will but yours alone. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

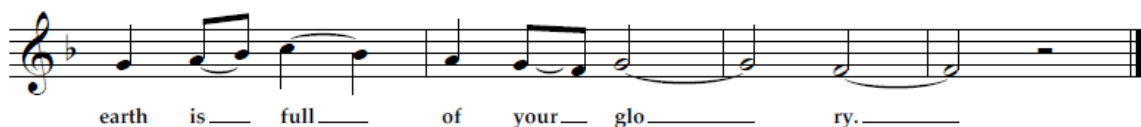
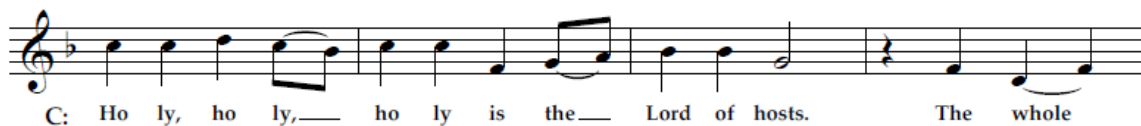
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*SANCTUS*)



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A_____ men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*AGNUS DEI*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on___



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sin of the world; grant us your peace. A_____ men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: How Lovely Shines the Morning Star (CW # 79 vv. 3-5)

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



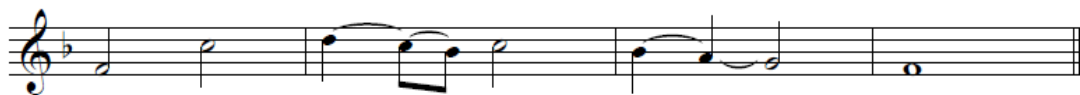
C: A _____ men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



C: A men. A _____ men. A _____ men.

CLOSING HYMN.....Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert (CWS # 709)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEASURE OF LOVE

Last Sunday's Attendance : Worship: ; Communion: .
Offerings to the Lord: General Fund: \$1934.62.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday (1/12):	6:30 p.m.	Evangelism Committee
Wednesday (1/14):	10:00 a.m.	Children's Chapel
Sunday (1/18):	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	11:45 a.m.	Potluck Lunch / Church Council

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING THIS MONDAY



The evangelism committee will be meeting this Monday (1/12) at 6:30 p.m. We will be discussing our spring outreach efforts as well as fellowship opportunities. All members are welcome to attend and lend a voice to the discussion.

POTLUCK LUNCH / CHURCH COUNCIL NEXT SUNDAY



We will be having a potluck lunch following our worship next Sunday (1/18). There is a signup sheet in the gathering room for those who would like to bring something for the meal. All are invited. The church council will also be meeting at this time.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH



We will be having a congregational meeting following our worship on Sunday, January 25th. This important meeting will include an election of officers, an approval of our budget, and discussion of our ministry plan including the introduction of a congregation-wide survey. All members are encouraged to attend if possible.